

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 07 Mar 2021..... Luke 10-13..... Neighbors?
- 2) 14 Mar..... Luke 14-16..... Celebrate?
- 3) 21 Mar..... Luke 17-18..... Worthy?
- 4) 28 Mar..... Luke 19:28-48..... Worshipped
- 5) 04 Apr (Easter)..... Luke 24:1-12..... Resurrected
- 6) 11 Apr..... Luke 19:1-27..... Sinners?**
- 7) 18 Apr..... Luke 20-21..... Cornerstone
- 8) 25 Apr..... Luke 22:1-30..... Remembered
- 9) 02 May..... Luke 22:31-53..... Willing
- 10) 09 May..... Luke 22:54-71..... Denied
- 11) 16 May..... Luke 23..... Sacrificed
- 12) 23 May..... Luke 24:13-35..... Revealed
- 13) 30 May..... Luke 24:36-53..... Commissions

**INTRODUCTION**

- We should live in such a way so we can eventually hear those precious words from God, *“Well done, thou good and faithful servant: You have been faithful over a few things, I will make you a ruler over many things, so enter into the joy of the Lord”*..... [Matthew 5:21](#)

Passage	Comments
Historical Notes on Jericho	<p><b>In the OT</b>, Jericho is mentioned 53 times, predominantly in Numbers, Deuteronomy, and Joshua where it was recorded being abolished “by faith” after the Israelites marched around it for 7 days.....<a href="#">Heb 11:30</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jericho, of Canaanite descent, was to be “utterly destroyed” by God’s direct command.....<a href="#">Deut 20:17</a></li> <li>• The only survivors were Rahab &amp; her family.....<a href="#">Jos 6:25</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Recall that Rahab (a convert) was King David’s great-great-grandmother ..... <a href="#">Mat 1:5</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Jericho was eventually rebuilt by Hiel the Bethelite, with the apparent sacrifice of 2 sons (<a href="#">1Kings 16:34</a>); and this was prophesied by Joshua (<a href="#">Josh 6:26</a>)</li> </ul> <p><b>In the NT</b>, Jericho played a small role in Jesus’ travels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Mat 20:29-34</a>; <a href="#">Mark 10:46-52</a>; <a href="#">Luke 18:35-43</a>. A large crowd followed Jesus in and out of Jericho and they witnessed Him healing several blind men, one of them being Bartimaeus</li> <li>• <a href="#">Luke 10:30-37</a>. Jesus used Jericho to set the stage for the Good Samaritan parable</li> <li>• <a href="#">Luke 19:1-10</a>. And we are introduced to Zacchaeus as Jesus was passing through Jericho</li> </ul>
19:1-10	<p><b>Jesus Visits Zacchaeus in Jericho</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv1-3. Zacchaeus was presumably very wealthy since he was a chief tax collector – possibly a millionaire             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Recall the rich young ruler in <a href="#">Luke 18:18-25</a> who also expressed interest in Jesus, but who seemed to prefer to hang on to his wealth instead of Jesus</li> <li>♦ Jesus’ response was, “It is hard for the wealthy to enter the Kingdom of God” ..... <a href="#">Luke 18:24</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv3-6. Zacchaeus, like the rich young ruler, sought to hear and see and know more about Jesus             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Jesus’ reputation was renowned by this time. Recall Jesus couldn’t even finish a meal (<a href="#">Mark 3:20</a>) or even find time to eat (<a href="#">Mark 6:31</a>) since multitudes were constantly seeking wonders from Him</li> <li>♦ Zacchaeus didn’t have any sickness or sick relatives to see Jesus about, so what would draw someone to Christ if they didn’t need a supernatural miracle?                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Simple curiosity? <input type="checkbox"/> God’s drawing? <input type="checkbox"/> Other?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv7-10. Being a tax collector, Zacchaeus was seen as a despicable sinner. So, why would Jesus eat with a sinner when His Word conveys the righteous should avoid fellowshiping with sinners ..... <a href="#">Ps 1:1</a>; <a href="#">26:4-5</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Zacchaeus was a repentant sinner, and he was willing to make amends for any wrong done by him, though he was not required to give everything away</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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19:11-27	<p><b>Parable of the 10 Minas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reason for Parable: Jesus conveyed we are in training for what we will possibly be doing once we get to Glory – either ruling little or ruling much – so, learn well</li> <li>• <b>Question #1?</b> If we rule 10 cities once we get to Heaven, will we always rule those same 10 cities?</li> <li>• <b>Answer #1.</b> We will always be in learning mode throughout eternity since God is unfathomable, so at least we will become better rulers for those 10 cities</li> <li>• <b>Question #2?</b> Will there be room for advancement?</li> <li>• <b>Answer #2.</b> We have yet to see or perceive what God has prepared for those who love Him ..... <a href="#">1Cor 2:9</a></li> <li>• <b>Question #3?</b> What if we squander what God has given to us in this life?</li> <li>• <b>Answer #3?</b> We are all held accountable.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ For unbelievers, it looks like they will be accountable for their performance, be it good or bad, as they suffer in torment for all eternity (<a href="#">Rev 20:10</a>), either receiving few or many stripes (<a href="#">Luke 12:47-48</a>)</li> <li>♦ For believers, Jesus comes to render rewards to everyone for their behavior and accomplishments in this life (<a href="#">Rev 22:12</a>). Fortunately, if a believer, like the thief on the cross, has only 1 work to show for all eternity (belief in Jesus Christ, <a href="#">John 6:30</a>), they will suffer loss of rewards, but they will be Heaven-bound (<a href="#">1Cor 3:15</a>), and will probably be under the rule of a more faithful saint – such as their spouse 😊</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS**

- How faithful are we in our service to the Lord and to His people?
- Are we diligent saints or lazy saints?
- Fortunately, if we only give a cup of cold water to refresh someone, we will receive a reward ..... [Mat 10:42](#)
- So, obedience to God’s word is key to rewards, for all that matters in life is keeping God’s commandments, not in a pharisaical or legalistic way, but out of love for God and His people ..... [1Cor 7:19](#)

**NEXT WEEK: Luke 20-21.** Scripture says we are to give to whosoever asks something of us. So, why did Jesus not give the scribes the simple answer they were looking for?



“FRANKLY, THIS IS A PIECE OF CAKE FOR ME. I WAS A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AT A JUNIOR HIGH FOR 22 YRS”